

HOW TO BECOME A BETTER STUDENT



I. Read the text and fill in the blanks with the right **CONJUNCTION** from the box.

*and	*in order to (2x)	* not only...but also	* so	* in spite of				
*because	*furthermore	*in addition	*as long as	* if	*whether	*so that	*both...and	*although
	*even if	* how	*where	*besides	*however			

1)_____ you working for your high school diploma or any other type of school, you may wish to become a better student. Being a better student isn't really that hard, 2)_____ you are willing to put your education first. With some small lifestyle changes, some organization, and a little dedication, you can easily become the student that you want to be. Here are some tips on 3)_____ to become a better student.

Decide that you will become a better student. Set goals 4)_____ write them down. For example, 5)_____ you would like a B+ in Calculus, write down, "I earned a B+ in Calculus." Put your goals in a place 6)_____ you will see them every day.

Get organized 7)_____, It's hard to do well in school when you don't know where anything is and you are constantly losing things. Organize 8)_____ your files on your computer, _____ your notebooks and other class items. Ideally, you will have a notebook for each class 9)_____ you have a place to put items for each course that you are taking. 10)_____, becoming organized will help your study habits more than almost anything else.

Create an area in your home that is set aside for you to work on your schooling. This should be in a quiet and well-lit area. Ideally, it will be away from television and other things that will take your concentration away from your school work. 11)_____, consider setting up a dry erase board or tack board 12)_____ keep track of important dates for 13)_____ assignments _____ projects.

Set aside time each day for your schooling 14)_____ you need this time to complete your work and studying. 15)_____, set aside a time to become a better student when you are at your best - meaning, a time when you are awake and alert. 16)_____, you'll get the most out of your studies.

Make your schooling a priority 17)_____ you may have to give up on going out with your friends every once in awhile or you may have to miss your favorite television show. 18)_____ sounding too demanding, this is the price you pay in 19)_____ become a better student.

Keep your long term goals in mind. Remembering what your goals are will help you to set aside time to study 20)_____ you don't feel like it.

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II. **SPEAKING ACTIVITY** – State your views on the following quotation:

"Always go to class with a "positive mental attitude". Nothing less will do."

Jason Johnson and Thomas S. Parish

KEY

1) Whether 2) as long as 3) how 4) and 5) if 6) where 7) However 8) not only but also 9) so that
10) Besides 11) Furthermore 12) in order to 13) both and 14) because 15) In addition 16) so
17) although 18) In spite of 19) in order to 20) _____ even if